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Title: GATEWAY APPARATUS FOR TRANSPORTING ELECTRICAL
TELEPHONY SIGNALS

AMENDMENT & DECLARATION

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Sir:

This Amendment, along with an attached declaration, is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2004 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the June 17, 2004 Office Action was due September 17, 2004. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, including the required fee. Therefore, a response is due December 17, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

An **Appendix A** with a Declaration of prior invention in the united states or in NAFTA or WTO member country to overcome cited patent or publication (37 c.f.r. § 1.131), is attached hereto following page 10 of this Amendment.